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1. THIS CABLE FORWARDS FULL TEXT ON WORKING
CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS, OF WHICH THE FIRST FOUR PARAGRAPHS
HAVE BEEN MENTALLY REGISTERED AND ALL REMAINING PARAGRAPHS
AGREED AD REFERENDUM BETWEEN NATO ALLIES AND THE SOVIETS.
SEPTAL REPORTS IN DETAIL ON THE NEGOTIATION OF THE LAST THREE
PARAGRAPHS AGREED.

2. FULL TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT:

IMPROVEMENT OF WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS:
THE PARTICIPATING STATES, DESIRING TO IMPROVE THE CON-
DITIONS UNDER WHICH JOURNALISTS FROM ONE PARTICIPATING STATE
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EXCERCISE THEIR PROFESSION IN ANOTHER PARTICIPATING STATE,

INTEND IN PARTICULAR TO:

- EXAMINE IN A FAVORABLE SPIRIT AND WITHIN A SUIT-
ABLE AND REASONABLE TIME SCALE REQUESTS FROM JOURNA-
LISTS FOR VISAS;
- GRANT TO PERMANENTLY ACCREDITED JOURNALISTS OF THE
PARTICIPATING STATES, ON THE BASIS OF ARRANGEMENTS,
MULTIPLE ENTRY AND EXIT VISAS FOR SPECIFIED PERIODS;
- FACILITATE THE ISSUE TO ACCREDITED JOURNALISTS OF
THE PARTICIPATING STATES PERMITS FOR STAY IN THEIR
COUNTRY OF TEMPORARY RESIDENCE AND, IF AND WHEN THESE
ARE NECESSARY OF OTHER OFFICIAL PAPERS WHICH IT IS
APPROPRIATE FOR THEM TO HAVE;
- EASE, ON A BASIS OF RECIPROCITY, PROCEDURES FOR
ARRANGING TRAVEL BY JOURNALISTS OF THE PARTICIPATING
STATES IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THEY ARE EXERCISING THEIR
PROFESSION, AND TO PROVIDE PROGRESSIVELY GREATER OPPOR-
TUNITIES FOR SUCH TRAVEL, SUBJECT TO THE OBSERVANCE OF
REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE EXISTENCE OF AREAS CLOSED FOR
SECURITY REASONS;
- ENSURE THAT REQUESTS BY SUCH JOURNALISTS FOR SUCH
TRAVEL RECEIVE, IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE, AN EXPEDITIOUS
RESPONSE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TIME SCALE OF THE REQUEST;
- INCREASE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOURNALISTS OF THE PAR-
TICIPATING STATES TO COMMUNICATE PERSONALLY WITH THEIR
SOURCES, INCLUDING ORGANIZATIONS AND OFFICIAL INSTITUTIONS;
- GRANT TO JOURNALISTS OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES
THE RIGHT TO IMPORT, SUBJECT ONLY TO ITS BEING TAKEN
OUT AGAIN, THE TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT (PHOTOGRAPHIC, CINE-
MATOGRAPHIC, TAPERECORDER, RADIO AND TELEVISION)
NECESSARY FOR THE EXERCISE OF THEIR PROFESSION; (FOOTNOTE)
- ENABLE JOURNALISTS OF THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES,
WHETHER PERMANENTLY OR TEMPORARILY ACCREDITED, TO TRANS-
MIT COMPLETELY, NORMALLY AND RAPIDLY BY MEANS RECOGNIZED
BY THE PARTICIPATING STATES TO THE INFORMATION ORGANS
WHICH THEY REPRESENT, THE RESULTS OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITY, INCLUDING TAPE RECORDINGS AND UNDEVELOPED
FILM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLICATION OR OF BROADCASTING
ON THE RADIO OR TELEVISION.

THE PARTICIPATING STATES REAFFIRM THAT THE LEGITIMATE
PURSUIT OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY WILL NEITHER RENDER
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JOURNALISTS LIABLE TO EXPULSION NOR OTHERWISE PENALISE
THEM. IF AN ACCREDITED JOURNALIST IS EXPELLED, HE WILL
BE INFORMED OF THE REASONS FOR THIS ACT AND MAY SUBMIT
AN APPLICATION FOR RE-EXAMINATION OF HIS CASE.
(FOOTNOTE): WHILE RECOGNISING THAT APPROPRIATE LOCAL PER-
SONNEL ARE EMPLOYED BY FOREIGN JOURNALISTS IN MANY INSTANCES,
THE PARTICIPATING STATES NOTE THAT THE ABOVE PROVISIONS
WOULD BE APPLIED, SUBJECT TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE APPRO-

RIATE RULES, TO PERSONS FROM THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES WHO ARE REGULARLY AND PROFESSIONALLY ENGAGED AS TECHNICANS, PHOTOGRAPHERS OR CAMERAMEN OF THE PRESS, RADIO, TELEVISION OR CINEMA. END TEXT

3. WE CONSIDER THIS TO BE A SATISFACTORY RESULT OVERALL WHICH CONFORMS TO OUR INSTRUCTIONS. ON INTERNAL TRAVEL FOR JOURNALISTS IN PARA. FIVE, THE SOVIETS ACCEPTED THE CONCEPT OF "GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAVEL," WHICH WE BELIEVE CONTAINS A QUANTITATIVE ELEMENT AND IS PREFERABLE TO "BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAVEL" (REFTEL B). THE SOVIETS ALSO AGREED TO AN "EXPEDITIOUS RESPONSE" IN PARA SIX, WHICH ADEQUATELY EXPRESSES THE IDEA OF TIMELINESS. ON ACCESS TO SOURCES IN PARA SEVEN, ON EXPULSION IN PARA TEN, AND IN THE FOOTNOTE ON TECHNICAL STAFF (ALL REFTEL A), THE SOVIETS WERE MORE FORTHCOMING THAN WE HAD EXPECTED. FOR THEIR PART, THE ROMANIANS APPEAR TO BE SOFTENING THEIR STANCE. THEY HAVE DROPPED THEIR OPPOSITION TO "INCLUDING TAPE RECORDINGS AND UNDEVELOPED FILM" IN PARA NINE, AND HAVE INDICATED THEY MAY BE SOMEWHAT MORE FLEXIBLE ON THEIR SECOND RESERVATION CONCERNING THE EXPULSION PARA (REFTEL E).

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF ABOVE TEXT ASAP. DALE

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